

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LA PAZ 00613 292339Z

73

ACTION ARA-20

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20 OMB-01

COME-00 EB-11 LAB-06 SIL-01 OPR-02 SY-10 PC-04 AID-20

SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 DRC-01 /139 W

----- 126114

O 292200Z JAN 74

FM AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2092

INFO USCINCSO

C O N F I D E N T I A L LA PAZ 0613

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, ELAB, BL

SUBJECT: COCHABAMBA CAMPESINOS CONTINUE PROTEST

REF: LA PAZ 576

1. THE CAMPESINOS OF COCHABAMBA HAVE BECOME THE CENTER OF NATIONAL ATTENTION. AS OF LATE JANUARY 28, THE CAMPESINOS HAD CUT ALL MAJOR ROADS TO COCHABAMBA. PRESIDENT BANZER DECLARED A STATE OF SIEGE IN THE EVENING OF JANUARY 28. EARLIER IN THE DAY GENERAL JUAN PEREX TAPIA WAS NAMED "MILITARY INTERVENTOR" OF COCHABAMBA. HIS DUTIES INCLUDE COORDINATING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE 7TH DIVISION, THE PREFECTURE AND THE MUNICIPALITY. THESE MOVES SHOULD STRENGTHEN THE GOB'S HAND IF IT IS NECESSARY TO APPLY FORCE TO SOLVE THE CAMPESINO PROBLEM. HOWEVER, THE GOB IS STILL CONCENTRATING ON NEGOTIATIONS TO GET THE ROADS TO COCHABAMBA OPEN.

2. TENSIONS ON THE LABOR SCENE EASED FURTHER AS MINE WORKERS SIGNED A WAGE SETTLEMENT AFFORDING THEM A 25 PERCENT INCREASE RETROACTIVE TO OCTOBER 1, 1973. ONE RELATIVELY MINOR ISSUE, THE SIZE OF A COMPENSATORY LUMP SUM PAYMENT, REMAINS UNDER NEGOTIATION.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 LA PAZ 00613 292339Z

3. COMMENT: THE COCHABAMBA PROBLEM IS A PRICKLY ONE FOR THE GOB. THE MILITARY WOULD NOT LIKE TO HAVE TO USE FORCE AGAINST THE CAMPESINOS WHO ARE SUPPOSEDLY ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTERS OF THE MILITARY-CAMPESINO PACT. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GOB CANNOT LONG PERMIT ITS AUTHORITY TO BE FLOUTED, AND THE USE OF FORCE BECOMES MORE LIKELY AS TIME PASSES AND THE CAMPESINOS REMAIN OBSTINATE.
STEDMAN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: GOVERNMENT OVERTHROW, MARTIAL LAW, ARMED FORCES, LABOR STRIKES, COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS, NEGOTIATIONS, PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, CIVIL DISORDERS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 29 JAN 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974LAPAZ00613
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: LA PAZ
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t1974019/aaaaaiu.tel
Line Count: 69
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: LA PAZ 576
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 SEP 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <09 SEP 2002 by kelleyw0>; APPROVED <10 DEC 2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: COCHABAMBA CAMPESINOS CONTINUE PROTEST
TAGS: PINS, ELAB, BL
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005